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**STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING
SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.9(f) AND 1.27(b) --
INDEPENDENT INVENTOR(S)**

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METHOD FOR COMPUTER NETWORK OPERATION PROVIDING BASIS FOR USAGE FEES

described in:

[] the specification filed herewith
[x] application no. 09/055,068, filed April 3, 1998
[] patent no. _____, issued _____

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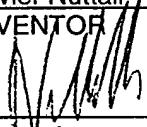
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[] is attached hereto.

[x] was filed on April 3, 1998 as Application Serial No. 09/055,068
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